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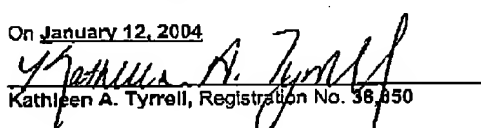
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At the outset Applicants would like to thank Examiner Davis for the courtesy of the telephone interview conducted on December 17, 2003. This amendment address issues raised in the Telephone Interview as well as the Final Rejection mailed September 10, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite

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fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.